

## OUTLOOK IS BETTER THAN HERETOFORE

Farmers Will Be Able to Command More Labor and Grow Larger Crops.

## COMFORT IN THE COUNTRY

Many Who Have Been Cramped and Lost Work in City Returning to the Farm.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
MEHERRIN, VA., February 15.—It is quite evident that the reaction that has taken place among the farming interests of Southside Virginia for the past few years has been called to a halt, and from what can be gathered among this class there seems no doubt that the crops seeded in this section this year will surpass those of the past five years by a great deal. Since the usual amount of public work has been cut up to a certain extent, the vast number of laborers who left the farm to draw money, weekly or bi-weekly, have returned to the farm, and a large portion of those who usually go North to engage in work through the year, and come home to spend the holidays, are about settled to stay at home so long as reports of dull times continue to come in from their former places of employment, and it is evident that a goodly number of these people will be kept on the farms here, and as a result larger crops will be raised.

**Coming Back to Farms.**  
Another fact that supports this assertion is that quite a number of the families who have heretofore moved from the rural districts to the larger cities are in many instances moving back to the farm, on account of work being shut off in a great measure in the cities where living is high, and will cast their lot with the old farmer, who for the past season has enjoyed a good demand as well as good prices for his entire crop, and as a result this class of men are in a position to pay cash for all they buy. In talking this morning with a gentleman from this county, who represents one of the largest fertilizer manufacturing companies in this country, a few days ago he stated that he had covered almost his entire territory and that the people generally were buying more guano this year than he ever knew in the history of his salesmanship, and he made the assertion that more people would farm this year than for a number of years past.

**To Resume Track-Laying.**  
It is reported in this section that the work of laying track on the Virginia Railway will be resumed through this section next week, and that the tracks between Brookneys and Rockwell will be completed within a few weeks. The viaduct near the former place is nearing completion, and the rail will be laid from that point to Rockwell, and goes that the line will be in operation to Roanoke by July 1st.

Every lumber plant in this section is working full time since the holidays, and in some instances larger forces have been put on and larger outputs are looked for.

## IMMENSE FIRE WASTE

Losses in This Country Much Larger Than in Other Lands.

The fire losses for the United States and Canada during the year 1907, compiled by the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, aggregated \$2,617,250, a waste of property which has only been exceeded twice in the history of the country, namely, in 1904 and 1906. The following table affords a comparison by months for the past three years:

Month	1906	1907	1908
January	\$1,572,100	\$1,722,500	\$2,064,000
February	25,591,000	18,219,250	19,876,400
March	14,751,400	18,727,750	29,553,700
April	11,901,250	22,551,150	21,925,500
May	12,736,250	16,512,800	16,288,300
June	11,289,800	12,906,450	14,705,000
July	12,121,500	12,428,450	12,249,100
August	11,125,000	9,641,600	29,248,000
September	12,715,250	18,322,500	11,440,400
October	12,267,000	14,478,250	15,250,250
November	16,178,200	14,248,350	19,123,200
December	15,216,600	19,001,450	15,782,750
Total	\$17,192,800	\$459,710,000	\$215,671,250

The losses during 1907, while not as large as those of 1908, when San Francisco contributed more than \$100,000,000 to the total, are as large as 1904, when the Baltimore conflagration was credited with \$70,000,000, and are far above the average of the total for thirty-one years is \$4,276,726.67.

When it is remembered that a normal fire waste for the United States would be \$100,000,000 per annum (measured by the fire waste of such countries as England, Germany and France), it will be seen that in the last five years our fire waste (\$17,192,800) has exceeded the normal by \$16,092,800.

Property destroyed by fire is wealth wiped out of existence, and a billion dollars saved every five years would soon make the United States the richest country in the world. Shall we continue to destroy wealth, or be content to conserve it?

## Special Inducements

for you to buy of us for cash. Our stores furnish the best of everything produced and that at a great saving to you.

2 pounds Mountain Roll Butter for	.....25c
Wine for Jelly, per quart	.....15c
Small Regular Skin Hams, per pound	.....12½c
Pure Witch Hazel Soap, three to box	.....10c
Sugar Cured Best Hams, per pound	.....12½c
Large bottled Shoe Polish	.....5c
Small Fresh or Corned Hams, per pound	.....10c
Macaroni or Spaghetti, per pound	.....7c
California Table Peaches, per can	.....20c
Dressed Chickens, per pound	.....17c
Best Cream Cheese, per pound, 15c or 3 pounds for	.....50c
Carolina Rice, per pound	.....6c
Four-Year-Old Rye Whiskey, per gallon	.....\$2.00
Best Elgin Butter, per pound	.....30c
Buffy's Malt Whiskey, per bottle	.....85c
White A Sugar, per pound	.....45c
Small Smithfield Country Hams, per pound	.....17c
Three-pound Jar of Preserves	.....20c
Best American Granulated Sugar, per pound	.....5c
Scotch Herring, box	.....20c
Miller's Malt Whiskey, per bottle	.....80c
Pork Steak, per pound	.....12½c
Large cans Tomatoes, per can	.....8c
Five-pound can Preserves	.....35c
Good Salt Pork, per pound	.....8c
Jason Quack Jar of Syrup, Mustard and Jellies	.....10c
Two packages Gelatine	.....10c
Hand-Picked Beans, per quart	.....10c
Sunset Catsup, large bottle	.....10c
Mother's Rolled Oats, package	.....10c
Six pounds Brown Sugar for	.....25c
Four cans of Sugar Corn for	.....25c
Country Spareribs, per pound, 10c; bones, pound	.....6c
Fresh Soda Crackers and Ginger Snaps, per pound	.....4½c
One pound Boneless Codfish	.....6c
Twelve bars Soap for	.....25c
New North Carolina Clipped Herring, 10c doz. or, bbl.	.....\$4.50
Large Irish Potatoes, per peck	.....25c
Best City Meal, 22c a peck, or per bushel	.....80c
Whole Sweet Pickles, per quart	.....10c
Four cans of New Tomatoes for	.....25c
Good New Orleans Molasses, per gallon	.....25c
New Boneless Codfish, 1-pound bricks	.....7c
One-pound cans Runford Baking Powders	.....25c
Cedar Buckets	.....15c
Seven bars Swift Pride Soap for	.....25c

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## SHEEP ARE DYING FOR GREEN FOOD

Farmers in Southwest Have Difficulty Getting Enough of It to Keep Sheep Alive.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RADFORD, VA., February 15.—The lamb season has been the most disastrous in years, say the farmers, the death rate averaging 30 per cent., and in some cases 50 per cent., owing to the prolonged and excessive cold weather. Even the old sheep are dying from lack of green food, snow having lain on the ground so long.

One farmer had a great sled made to scrape the snow from the ground that his sheep might get grass. Another was trying to get a carload of turnips for his flock.

"The trouble is," says former Governor Tyler, "our people do not make proper provision for their sheep, and in such cases lose heavily."

**Interest in Dairying.**  
Governor Tyler, who is thoroughly public spirited, and has the good of

Southwest Virginia farmers and farm lands deeply at heart, is much interested at present in arousing the farmers in this section. The country is pronounced by experts to be unexcelled for dairy purposes, the blue grass being of the sweetest, and the country free from wild onions, the bane of many sections, and the springs pure and abundant.

The States that supply most of the dairy products are far less favored by nature, and Governor Tyler says that the profits of dairying, rightly conducted, would be far in excess of what the farms are now yielding.

To awaken interest, Governor Tyler, who is president of the State Farmers' Institutes, has called a meeting to be held at Tyler's Hall, East Radford, the 29th, to which the farmers from all the neighboring counties are invited, as well as the town people, including the ladies. Speeches will be made by Dr. Quirk and Professor Saunders, of V. P. I., and by Professor Turner, of Hollinsville, Mr. C. O. Sandy, president of the State Dairymen's Association, has promised to be present, if possible.

Governor Tyler is sparing no pains to make the dairying thoroughly interesting and practical, and in getting the people interested in the proposed gathering.

**Fredericksburg Social News.**  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 15.—Mrs. Duff Green entertained at her home Wednesday the Euchre Card Club, from 8 to 10 o'clock. There were six tables. Miss Frances Thompson won the first prize; Mrs. T. S. Shepherd, the second; and Mrs. A. T. Embrey, the guest's prize.

The Masons of this city will give a bazaar and entertainment just after Lent. The proceeds will go to the fund for erecting a Masonic Temple.

Miss Minnie Smith, who has been visiting Miss Eva Tyler, has returned home.

Mrs. Willie Schooner has returned from a visit to friends in Charlottesville.

Mr. George S. Davis, who has been ill, is out again.

Mrs. J. P. Gammon and daughter, Miss Bessie Bell, are visiting friends at Newsum's.

Department Clerk of Court, John S. Berry is out again after being indisposed for several weeks.

Miss Nannie Bryan, of Branford, Conn., who has been visiting Mrs. W. E. Bradley, has gone to Petersburg, where she is a guest of friends.

Mr. W. Thomas Jones, who has been in the hospital for treatment, is out again.

Mr. E. C. Bell is recovering from a two weeks' spell of grip.

Captain W. L. Messick, of Irvington, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. P. Rowe.

## Ivor Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
IVOR, VA., February 15.—Rev. J. T. Riddick, of Newport News, Va., delivered a lecture entitled "From the Cradle to the Grave" in Ivor Baptist Church, Tuesday night. A neat sum was netted, Messrs. F. D. Taylor, E. B. Richardson, Mrs. W. C. Chapman, and Mrs. J. L. Swingle sang as quartet during the evening, and Mrs. W. C. Warner rendered a solo.

Preparations are being made by the school board of this district to have a commodious high school building erected here by the beginning of the next session. Preliminary plans have been made. The board has purchased three acres of ground, suitably located for the community. It is expected that two wagons will be used next year to accommodate all who wish to attend here from nearby points.

The local Masonic Lodge is having a temple built. The house is well under way and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Miss Lottie Puley is supplying at school this week for Miss Ruth Cobb, who is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. James were at Richmond this week.

The L. T. L. Society held a "valentine party" Friday night. A large crowd was present.

Mr. Pettaway Barrett, who has been sick, is somewhat improved.

## THREE NEW HOUSES BUILT OUT OF ONE

Firm of Julius Sytle's Sons to Dissolve and Each Member Have a Store.

## HALF CENTURY OF SUCCESS

House Founded Over Fifty Years Ago by Late Julius Sytle. Plans of His Sons.

When a firm has been a part of the commercial life of a community for over half a century, and after such a period of honorable existence decides on a dissolution in partnership, the event is one that deserves more than passing comment. The well-known firm of Julius Sytle's Sons is to be dissolved. The business was first carried on fifty-five years ago by Mr. Julius Sytle; then the firm name was changed to Sytle Brothers, then Julius Sytle & Sons, and at the death of the founder, about four years ago, the firm name was again changed to Julius Sytle's Sons, the firm at present being composed of Sam, Sydney and Lee Sytle. A complete disposition of the large stock of men's clothing, dry goods and general merchandise is being made at greatly reduced prices, as there is to be a complete settlement of the business and all its assets among the three partners. Each of the three brothers will, after the closing out of the present business, start up in definite lines for themselves. It is said that Sam Sytle will take up dry goods, Sydney clothing, and Lee will conduct an installment house.

It will be seen that while losing an esteemed firm of high standing, Richmond will still retain these enterprising young merchants in its active commercial life.

## Lexington Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LEXINGTON, VA., February 15.—"The House of the Heart" was presented at the Lexington Opera House Friday afternoon by the children of the First National Bank of Lexington. The play was a very attractive entertainment. It was modeled after the old morality play, "The House of the Heart," and was a very attractive entertainment. It was modeled after the old morality play, "The House of the Heart," and was a very attractive entertainment.

Dr. C. Graham Dold is at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md., for medical treatment for suspected appendicitis. Information received from him conveys the intelligence that after a thorough examination by specialists in charge, no operation will be necessary. Dr. Dold will continue under treatment for some days, after which he will return home.

Mrs. W. F. Byrd and Miss Ruby Holland, of Norfolk, spent several days in Lexington, Va., visiting the friends of Miss Bessie Seal, on Fair Grounds Street.

Miss Bessie White, of Romey, W. Va., is in Lexington, visiting Miss Louise Shields, on Jefferson Street.

Mr. W. Randolph Bledsoe, who holds a position with the government Immigration Service, and who has headquarters in Washington, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Thomas A. Bledsoe, on Washington Street.

Dr. J. C. Gentry, of Washington and Lee University, filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Clifton Forge last Sunday morning, and addressed the young men's Christian Association in that town Sunday afternoon.

The Misses Crigler entertained a number of their friends on Friday night at a "Little Birds" party at their home on Jackson Avenue.

## South Boston Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., February 15.—The Misses Soggy, composed of young girls of the Presbyterian Church, gave a most delightful Valentine party in the lecture-room of the church on Friday. Valentine evening under the house with their dolls, songs, recitations and fancy costumes. The song of welcome by the entire society, and the duet, "The Little Birds," sung by Misses Florence Easley and Eva Boveale, deserve special mention.

A very unique and interesting feature of the entertainment was the picking of a chrysanthemum from the flower-bed, the reward being a dainty prize. Delightful refreshments were served after the exercises, and a handsome amount was realized for the benefit of the church.

The ladies of the Methodist Church of this place gave a most excellent George Washington dinner, in one of the vacant stores on Main Street, on Friday. The repast was a sumptuous one, and a large sum of money in aid of the church, as the result of indefatigable efforts on the part of the ladies.

Rev. P. A. Anthony, who has been seeking health in Lynchburg, has returned home, somewhat improved. He has a large circle of friends, who wish for him a rapid restoration to health.

Miss Johnnie Perkins, of Wylesburg, visited her sister, Miss Evelyn Perkins, during the week.

## Leesburg Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LEESBURG, VA., February 15.—Dr. H. M. Sneed, of Fluvanna, has located at Hillsboro, this county.

Mr. W. Thomas Jones, who has been in the hospital for treatment, is out again.

Mr. E. C. Bell is recovering from a two weeks' spell of grip.

Captain W. L. Messick, of Irvington, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. P. Rowe.

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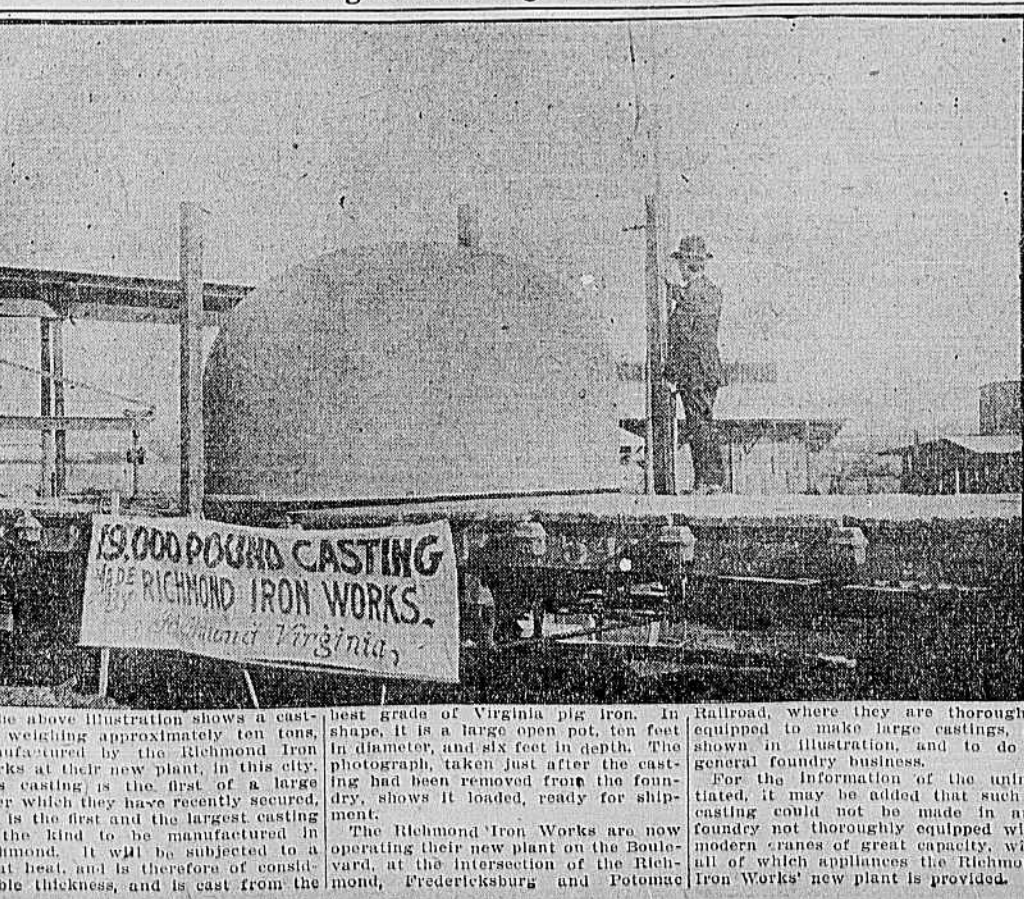
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\$18.00 Ladies' and Misses' Tailored Suits, \$25.00	\$25.00 Ladies' Black and Colored Mercerized and Heatherbloom Underskirts, \$1.50	25c Gloves, 10c.
\$25.00 Ladies' Tailored Suits at \$12.50	\$12.50 Hemstitched Sheets, \$1.00	25c Socks, 10c.
\$36.00 Ladies' Cream Broadcloth Evening Wraps now \$15.00	\$1.00 Sheets to go at 81c.	25c Bootees, 10c.
\$10.00 Ladies' and Misses' Long Coats now \$5.00	Men's 25c Fancy Socks, 17c.	25c Flannellette and Crochet Sacques, 10c.
\$7.50 Children's White Bearskin and Astrakhan Coat Sets now \$3.50	Men's 12½c Black Socks, 9c pair.	25c Glove Boxes, 10c.
\$12.50 Ladies' Black Mercerized Waists now 80c.	Gilroy Curtain Stretchers, \$2.00 kind, \$1.25.	17c Glycerine Soap, 10c.
\$7.50 Ladies' Allover Lace and Net Waists, white and ecru, now \$4.50	42c Grey Oil Cloth—35c grade, 25c; 42c grade, 35c.	25c Hard Rubber Combs, 10c.
\$5.50 White Net Waists now \$2.95	\$1.25 and \$1.50 Cook's Linoleum, \$1.00 running yard or 50c square yard.	25c Pillow Tops, 10c.
\$2.50 Ladies' Japanese Figured Crepe Kimono, solid ground, now \$1.75	50c Window Shades, all fixtures complete, 35c.	25c Pin Cushion, 10c.
\$2.12 Crepe Kimonos, solid colors, now \$1.00	75c and 50c Window Shades, complete, 50c.	50c Bags and Belts, 50c kind, 25c.
\$2.50 Ladies' Long French Flannellette Kimonos now \$2.48	Lace Curtains—All Curtains one-third off.	50c Jersey and Worsted Leggings, 10c.
\$1.25 Ladies' Flannellette Wrappers now 80c.	Rugs, Druggets and Portieres, one-third off.	35c Pin Cushions, 10c.
\$1.50 Children's Percal and Chambray Dresses, 60c.	Boys' 50c Felt and John Jones Hats, 20c.	25c Embroidered Collars, 10c.
\$1.50 Ladies' Corset Covers now 30c.	Men's Vests, half prices.	50c Envelope Bags, 10c.
\$1.50 Ladies' Hemmed and Lace-Trimmed Muslin Skirts, 90c.	Best Blouse Waists, madras, 50c kind, 42c.	50c Fascinators, 10c.
25c Ladies' Muslin Pants, 21c.	Boys' 50c Corduroy Pants, 25c.	50c Children's Worsted Hoods, 10c.
\$1.50 Ladies' Muslin Gowns, 75c.	\$1.00 Stiff Percal Shirts, sizes 16 to 18, 20c.	50c Crochet Sacques, 10c.
\$2.50 Ladies' Muslin Gowns, 90c.	Men's 50c Shirts, sizes 16 to 18, 25c.	50c Rubber Heels, 10c.
\$1.50 Ladies' French Flannellette Gowns, white, 80c.	Men's Silver Brand Shirts, all sizes, 80c.	25c Vail Pins, 10c.
\$1.25 Ladies' French Flannellette Gowns, all colors, 70c.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 60c.	Shinola Outfit, 10c.
\$2.25 Child's Short, Daintily Trimmed Nainsook Dresses, \$1.30	Men's \$1.25 Wool Underwear, 80c.	50c Suspenders, 10c.
\$2.50 Infants' Dainty Long Nainsook and Muslin Dresses, \$1.30	The above includes white, gray and red.	25c Kleiner's Hose Supporters, 10c.
12½c Children's Muslin Drawers, 90c.	Men's \$7.00 Bath Robes, \$3.50.	25c Kleiner's Shields, 10c.
25c Children's Short Trimmed Muslin Skirts, 25c.	Men's \$5.00 Bath Robes, \$2.50.	25c Perfume, 10c.
19c Children's Muslin Skirts, 12½c.	Men's \$5.00 Smoking Jackets, \$3.50.	Pond's Extract Soap, 10c.
\$18.00 Ladies' Velvet Hats, \$2.95.	Men's \$8.00 Smoking Jackets, \$5.00.	50c Back Combs, 10c.
\$12.00 Ladies' Velvet Hats, \$1.95.	Men's \$15.00 Suits and Overcoats, \$8.00.	100c Squaw Bags, 20c.
\$8.00 Ladies' Velvet Hats, 90c.	Men's \$12.50 Suits and Overcoats, \$7.50.	50c Tams, 25c.
\$2.25 Children's White and Colored Young Men's Felt Hats, 25c.	Men's \$10.00 Suits, sizes 32 to 36, \$3.50.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 60c.
\$2.50 Ladies' and Misses' Walking Hats now 25c.	Men's \$25.00 and \$30.00 Suits and Overcoats, \$15.00.	Men's \$1.25 Wool Underwear, 80c.
\$1.50 Ladies' All-Wool Pants, white, gray and red, 50c.	Men's \$17.50 Suits and Overcoats, \$11.00.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.
25c Ladies' Fleece-Lined Ribbed Underwear, 17c.	Boys' Wash Suits all marked down.	Men's \$1.25 Wool Underwear, 80c.
\$1.25 Crochet Shoulder Capes now 25c.	\$4.25 Knickerbocker Suit, \$2.95.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.
25c Children's Vests, 19c.	\$3.50 Boys' Suits, \$3.50.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.
25c Infants' Vests, 19c.	\$8.00 Boys' Suits, \$4.95.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.
\$1.25 Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas, 80c.	\$5.00 Corduroy Suits, \$3.30.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.
\$2.19 Ladies' Colored Silk Umbrellas, \$1.30.	\$2.00 Men's Pants, \$1.05.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.
\$2.18 Ladies' Black Mercerized Underskirts now \$1.05.	\$6.00 Men's Pants, \$4.00.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.
50c Baby Cap, embroidered silk, 35c.	\$5.00 Men's Pants, \$5.00.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.
	\$1.00 Sweet-Orr Overalls, 70c.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.
	\$3.50 Sweet-Orr Corduroy Pants, \$2.25.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.
	Men's \$1.50 Black and Gray Soft and Silk Hats, 80c.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.
	50c Hose Supporters, 10c.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.
	25c Stockinet Caps, 10c.	Men's \$1.00 Wool Underwear, 80c.

## Julius Sytle's Sons

Ten Ton Casting Made By Richmond Iron Works



The above illustration shows a casting of best grade of Virginia pig iron. In shape, it is a large open pot, ten feet in diameter, and six feet in depth. The photograph, taken just after the casting had been removed from the foundry, shows it loaded, ready for shipment. The Richmond Iron Works are now operating their new plant on the Boulevard, at the intersection of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, where they are thoroughly equipped to make large castings, as shown in illustration, and to do a general foundry business. For the information of the uninitiated, it may be added that such a casting could not be made in any foundry not thoroughly equipped with modern cranes of great capacity, with all of which appliances the Richmond Iron Works' new plant is provided.

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